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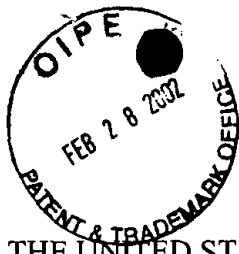
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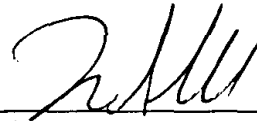
This is in response to the Official Action mailed January 7, 2002 for the above-identified patent application.

The subject Official Action required Applicants to restrict prosecution of the claims in this application to either Group I (Claims 1-3, 7-23 and 29-33), Group II (Claims 1-3, 7-23 and 29-33), Group III (Claims 4-6), Group IV (Claims 4-6), Group V

(Claims 24-27), Group VI (Claim 28) or Group VII (Claims 34-36). Accordingly, Applicants elect Group I for prosecution in this application. However, Applicants respectfully traverse the subject restriction requirement because it is respectfully submitted that all of the Claims 1-36 may properly be examined together.

In view of the foregoing election, examination of this application on the merits is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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